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Quarterly Tribal Gaming Contributions to Arizona up 9.5 Percent

PHOENIX — Quarterly tribal contributions from gaming revenue to the state of Arizona increased 9.5 percent from the same period a year ago, the Arizona Department of Gaming said today.

The tribes' combined contributions for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 was \$24,563,568 compared to \$22,438,020 in the same quarter a year ago.

Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, tribes in Arizona that operate casinos contribute one to eight percent of their Class III net wins to education, healthcare and other programs. Tribes send contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund every three months.

Net win is the difference between a casino's gaming wins and losses, before casino operating costs and expenses are deducted. Class III gaming includes jackpot poker, slot machines, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting.

Here is how the quarterly contributions were distributed in the Arizona Benefits Fund:

TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended March 31, 2007	\$24,563,568
Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$12,360,486
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$ 6,180,243
Administrative and regulatory expenses (Arizona Department of Gaming):	\$ 2,000,000
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 1,765,784
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 1,765,784
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 491,271

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona's tribes, regulates Indian gaming. There are 22 Class III American Indian casinos in the state.

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